GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3897
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New FPS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries covered under the Public Distribution System (PDS) along with the number of Fair Price Shops (FPS) and Food Corporation of India (FCI) depots in each State;
(b) whether the Government has directed the States to open such FPS in all the wards of Gram Panchayats and if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto indicating the names of such States where the said programme has been initiated, State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has received complaints indicating that the poor are not getting rations from the Fair Price Shops operating under the PDS in rural areas of the States;
(d) whether the Union Government has taken up the said matter with the State Governments, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
(e) whether the Government proposes to open more FCI depots/godowns in the States and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): The Government has enacted National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) which inter alia entitles upto 75% of the rural population and upto 50% of the urban population to receive foodgrains at subsidised prices under Targeted Public Distribution System(TPDS), thus covering about two thirds of the population as per 2011 census (about 81.35 crore persons) of the country. The eligible households covered under the Act comprise of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH). The State-wise coverage under the Targeted Public Distribution System/ National Food Security Act, 2013 is at Annex-I. The State-wise number of Fair Price Shops (FPS) and storage available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) are at Annex II & III.
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(b): Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments wherein operational responsibilities including the issuance of licenses to the Fair Price Shops (FPSs) rest with the concerned State/UT Governments. As per clause 9 of TPDS (Control) Order, 2015, the license of FPS shall be issued by State Government and preference shall be accorded to public .institutions or public bodies such as panchayats, self help groups, cooperative societies in licensing of fair price shops and management of fair price shops by women or their collectives. Besides the State Government shall ensure that the number of ration card holders attached to a fair price shop are reasonable, the fair price shop is so located that the consumer or ration card holder does not have to face difficulty to reach the fair price shop and that proper coverage is ensured in hilly, desert, tribal and such other areas difficult to access.
(c) & (d): There have been complaints about irregularities in the functioning of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) including distribution, issue in some States/regions in the country. As and when complaints are received by the Government from individuals and organizations as well as through press reports, these are referred to the State/UT Governments concerned for inquiry and appropriate action.
(e): Yes, storage capacities have been augmented across the country by using funds under Plan scheme as well as through Private Investors in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.
Under Plan scheme, funds are being provided to FCI and State Governments for construction of godowns, specifically in the North Eastern Region and a few other states, where PPP mode was not found to be practical. As on 30th June 2016, a total capacity of 1.14 Lakh MT in North East and 0.20 Lakh MT in other than North East has been completed.
Under the Private Entrepreneur Guarantee (PEG) scheme, godowns are constructed through private investors and hired by Food Corporation of India (FCI) for a guaranteed period of 10 years. A capacity of 134.83 Lakh MT has already been constructed under this scheme.
In addition, FCI has also taken action for construction of modern silos for storage of foodgrains in PPP mode. Private parties have been selected through tendering process for constructing wheat silos at 6 locations namely, Narela, Changsari, Katihar, Whitefield, Sahnewal and Kotkapura for total capacity 2.5 Lakh MT.
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ANNEX-I
ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3897 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
DETAILS REGARDING COVERAGE OF POPULATION UNDER NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013:-
S.No
STATE/UT
Total No. of Persons to be covered (in lakh)
Rural
Urban
Total

1
Andhra Pradesh
200.20
68.03
268.23
2
Arunachal Pradesh
7.09
1.62
8.71
3
Assam
225.41
26.49
251.90
4
Bihar
783.74
87.42
871.16
5
Chhattisgarh
165.16
35.61
200.77
6
Delhi
1.58
71.20
72.78
7
Goa
2.33
2.99
5.32
8
Gujarat
258.78
124.06
382.85
9
Haryana
90.28
36.21
126.49
10
Himachal Pradesh
34.68
2.13
36.82
11
J&K
58.05
16.08
74.13
12
Jharkhand
216.52
47.73
264.25
13
Karnataka
285.55
116.38
401.93
14
Kerala
91.87
62.93
154.80
15

Madhya Pradesh
420.83
125.59
546.42
16
Maharashtra
469.71
230.45
700.17
17
Manipur
17.91
7.15
25.06
18
Meghalaya
18.43
3.03
21.46
19
Mizoram
4.33
2.73
7.06
20
Nagaland
11.23
3.56
14.79
21
Orissa
287.19
39.02
326.21
22
Punjab
94.88
46.57
141.45
23
Rajasthan
356.09
90.53
446.62
24
Sikkim
3.45
0.61
4.07
25
Tamilnadu
232.62
132.08
364.69
26
Telengana
143.08
48.62
191.70
27
Tripura
20.26
4.76
25.02
28
Uttar Pradesh
1234.06
286.52
1520.59
29
Uttarakhand

45.85
16.09
61.94
30
West Bengal
463.31
138.53
601.84
31
A&N Islands
0.61
0.02
0.63
32
Chandigarh
0.11
4.85
4.96
33
D&N Haveli
1.54
0.82
2.36
34
Daman & Diu
0.16
1.03
1.19
35
Lakshdweep
0.05
0.17
0.22
36
Puducherry
2.35
3.99
6.34
TOTAL
6249.30
1885.61
8134.92
Annex-II
ANNEXTURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3897 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
State-wise total Fair Price Shops
(as on 21.04.2016)
Sl.
States/UTs
Total No. of Fair Price Shops
1
Andaman & Nicobar
509
2
Andhra Pradesh
28,942
3
Arunachal Pradesh
1,569
4
Assam
40,510
5
Bihar
42,117
6
Chandigarh
Direct cash transfer
7
Chhattisgarh
12,352

8
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
62
9
Daman & Diu
51
10
Delhi
2,519
11
Goa
453
12
Gujarat
17,266
13
Haryana
9,478
14
Himachal Pradesh
4,859
15
Jammu and Kashmir
5,970
16
Jharkhand
24,186
17
Karnataka
20,828
18
Kerala
14,335
19
Lakshadweep
39
20
Madhya Pradesh
22,430
21
Maharashtra
51,596
22
Manipur
2,052
23
Meghalaya
4,474
24
Mizoram
1,223
25
Nagaland
1,691
26
Odisha
16,050
27
Puducherry
Direct cash transfer
28
Punjab
17,815
29
Rajasthan
26,912
30
Sikkim
1,409
31
Tamil Nadu

34,577
32
Telangana
17,159
33
Tripura
1,793
34
Uttar Pradesh
77,440
35
Uttarakhand
9,158
36
West Bengal
20,278
Total
5,32,102
ANNEX-III
ANNEXTURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3897 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA State-wise Number of Storage available with FCI as on 30 June 2016
SL. NO.
REGION/U.T.
TOTAL DEPOTS*
1
BIHAR
53
2
JHARKHAND
34
3
ORISSA
57
4
WEST BENGAL
31
5
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
12
6
ASSAM
37
7
MANIPUR
5
8
NAGALAND
5
9
MEGHALAYA, MIZORAM, TRIPURA
20
10
DELHI
6
11
HARYANA
228
12
HIMACHAL PRADESH
17
13
JAMMU & KASHMIR
29
14
PUNJAB
527
15
RAJASTHAN
164
16

UTTAR PRADESH
229
17
UTTARAKHAND
18
18
ANDHRA PRADESH
42
19
KARNATAKA
50
20
KERALA
24
21
TAMIL NADU
59
22
TELANGANA
23
23
CHHATTISGARH
57
24
GUJARAT
31
25
MADHYA PRADESH
21
26
MAHARASHTRA
93
TOTAL
1872
*The above figure includes FCI owned Depots, Depots of State govt., CWC, SWC, PEG, PWS 2010, Private Parties etc.
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